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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM'S SUMMER SCHEDULES

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1. AS ANKARA NOTES, PAN AM'S LATEST PLANS ARE TO INTRO-
DUCE THE CHANGES IN PATTERN IN ITS ROUND-THE-WORLD AND
CONNECTING SERVICES ON JUNE FIRST. WE HAVE ADVISED PAN
AM THAT IT IS NOT REQUIRED, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT DE-
SIRABLE, TO SUBMIT THE FINAL SCHEDULES TO GOT, GOL OR GOI
THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS. THE CARRIER IS, ON THE OTHER
HAND, UNDERSTANDABLY INTERESTED IN ANY INFO THE EMBASSIES
MAY DEVELOP CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT "REACTION" TO THE
REVISED SCHEDULES.

2. CURRENT VERSION OF RTW CHANGES CONTAINS SOME "IMPROVE-
MENTS" OVER THE PLANS EMBASSIES PRESENTED TO HOST GOVERN-
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MENTS LAST FALL AND WHICH WE DEBATED WITH A LEBANESE

DELEGATION IN FEBRUARY. WHILE, AS NOTED, WE DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY FORMAL PRESENTATIONS ON THESE CHANGES, PARTICULARLY EMBASSY BEIRUT SHOULD PROMPTLY UTILIZE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO POINT OUT TO INTERESTED OFFICIALS THAT LATEST PAN AM PLANS APPEAR EVEN LESS LIKELY TO IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON LOCAL CARRIERS THAN THE ORIGINAL VERSION.

3. FOR TEHRAN - PAA'S NEW JUNE SCHEDULES INCLUDE NO SERVICES WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGREED ARRANGE-

MENTS WITH IRAN. (THE THREE EXTRA TEHRAN-DEHLI SERVICES HAVE BEEN DROPPED.) EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE RESPOND TO MFA DECEMBER 26 NOTE BY STATING THAT, IN VIEW OF THIS CHANGED SITUATION, THE US IS WITHDRAWING ITS NOVEMBER REQUEST FOR GOI APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES.

4. POINTS WHICH EMBASSY ANKARA MIGHT MAKE ARE: WHILE LATEST SCHEDULES FOR FLIGHTS 110/111 AND 002/001 REMAIN AS PRESENTED LAST FALL, FLIGHT 52/53 NOW INCORPORATES A CHANGE OF GAUGE AT FRANKFURT WHICH MEANS THAT THE DAILY FRANKFURT-ISTANBUL SERVICE WILL BE WITH 727 EQUIPMENT VICE THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED LARGER 707. ALL SERVICE EAST OF ISTANBUL ON THESE FLIGHTS WILL ALSO BE WITH 727 EQUIPMENT VICE 707. FLIGHT 52 WILL TERMINATE THREE TIMES A WEEK IN ANKARA INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING ON TO TEHRAN AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. LASTLY, PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR ONLY TWO NONSTOP FLIGHTS PER WEEK (WITH 727 EQUIPMENT) FROM ISTANBUL TO BEIRUT, WITH THE OTHER TWO STOPPING IN DAMASCUS EN ROUTE BEIRUT. (IN WESTBOUND DIRECTION, THERE WILL STILL BE FOUR NONSTOPS PER WEEK FROM BEIRUT TO ISTANBUL, BUT AGAIN, THESE WILL BE WITH 727 VICE 707 EQUIPMENT.)

5. FOR EMBASSY BEIRUT: THE TWO CHANGES WHICH CANNOT HELP BUT BE VIEWED POSITIVELY BY THE LEBANESE ARE THE CHANGE OF GAUGE AT FRANKFURT ON FLIGHT 52/53 WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE EVEN FURTHER WEEKLY CAPACITY BETWEEN FRANKFURT/ISTANBUL AND BEIRUT, AS WELL AS THE REDUCTION IN EASTBOUND NONSTOP FREQUENCIES BETWEEN ISTANBUL AND BEIRUT FROM FOUR TO TWO. KISSINGER

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